

Application No. 09/831,855
Reply to Office Action dated

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-4. These sheets, which include Figures 1-4, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-4.

Attachment: 3 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain in the application. Claims 6, 7, and 10-15 have been amended.

In the Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by applicants' admitted prior art, Figures 1-4, filed on April 20, 2005. Claims 7-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The disclosure was objected to because of informalities as noted on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants have amended the disclosure to overcome the informalities.

Claims 6, 7, and 10-15 were objected to because of informalities as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants have amended claims 6, 7, and 10-15 to overcome the informalities. No new matter has been added.

Figures 1-4, filed on April 20, 2005, were mistakenly labeled "prior art," and corrected Figures 1-4 are submitted herewith that do not contain the "prior art" legend.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action passing this case to issuance is respectfully solicited. In the event the Examiner finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at (206) 622-4900 in order to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable.
Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures:

Postcard
3 Sheets of Replacement Drawings (Figures 1-4)

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